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Sir:

In response to the final rejection mailed June 22, 2000 please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

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In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 12-15, 17 and 19-20.

Please amend claim 23 as follows:

23. (Three Times Amended) The prosthesis of claim 21, wherein said annular springs have an unfolded diameter and said tubular graft has a diameter less than the [undeformed] unfolded diameter of one of said annular springs.

Please amend claim 63 as follows:

63. (Amended) A prosthesis comprising:
a tubular graft having a pair of free ends; and
a ring comprising a bundle of overlapping windings formed of a strand of resilient wire, said ring [secured to said graft] located adjacent one of said free ends [thereof].

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